Transformation of STD/ISD booths in public internet kiosks

183. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has announced a scheme to transform about 5,000 STD/ISD booths into public internet kiosks in the State by the end of this year;

(b) if so, what are the features thereof;

(c) whether the State Government is considering to launch this scheme involving Government, STD/ISD booth operators, banks and technology companies;

(d) if so, whether any concrete programme of action plan has been initiated; and

(e) by when the results are likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Refund for surrendered telephones

184. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that refunds are not received for months together after surrendering telephones in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in receiving refund from MTNL; and

(c) whether Government would issue fresh instructions so that refund money is paid within a reasonable time ?